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## THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Discussed by Knights of Labor at Atlanta.

### OPPOSED TO A STRIKE NEXT MAY.

The Knights Believe It Would Bring Misery on Thousands of Workmen and Probably Not Attain the Desired Object After All—Resolutions Adopted by the Convention—Labor Notes.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 20.—The Knights of Labor refuse to sanction a general strike on the 1st of May, 1890. Mr. Powderly and his executive board are eager for the passage of a law making eight hours a day's work, but they think that a general strike would bring misery on thousands of workmen, and would probably not attain the desired object after all. The eight-hour law was made the special order of business by the convention Tuesday morning. The matter was discussed from every standpoint. The Knights of Labor have always been in favor of reducing a day's labor to eight hours. Mr. Powderly has frequently requested the general assembly to consider the matter and give expression to its views as to the best method of putting the scheme into operation. During the convention which was held in Cleveland in 1886, Mr. Morton, a manufacturer of Chicago, before the general assembly suggested a plan for gradually reducing the hours of work. His plan was to keep the hours of work at ten hours, and each successive year until the eight-hour standard was reached. No decided action was taken, but the assembly was much impressed with the wisdom of the policy.

The Troubles in 1886.

At this time, also, the American Federation of Trades had been agitating a general strike for eight hours, and they appointed the 1st of May, 1886, as the day on which every laborer should quit work unless the demand for eight hours was granted. The strike which followed, lasting up, as it did, to the Haymarket riot, is well known. Mr. Powderly was forced to issue circulars stating that neither the general assembly nor the general officers had ordered any strike or were in any way responsible for it. The American Federation of Trades never met again. The leaders, however, organized a similar union, which they named the American Federation of Labor. This body met last December, and, according to their official report, amid tumultuous cheers and enthusiastic applause adopted a motion to fix the date for the inauguration of the eight-hour work day on May 1, 1890. The motion was passed by a vote of 38 to 2.

Number of Documents Submitted.

Last June the general executive board of the Knights of Labor issued a circular asking all the assemblies of the order to discuss the shorter hour question with a view of instructing their delegates so they might act intelligently at the assemblies. The American Federation of Labor requested the executive board of the knights to co-operate with them in their movement. They were informed that while the board was willing to listen to any proposals that might be made to them, they were not invested with the power to commit the order to any definite action. Mr. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, agreed that he would seal to the general executive board in time for presentation at the convention a statement of his plans, with a view of obtaining harmonious action as to the result of the discussion going on in the order, which was caused by Mr. Powderly's circular. A large number of documents, together with Mr. Gompers' letter on the eight-hour movement were submitted to the assembly and were referred to the committee on labor of the order.

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The Strike Was a Failure.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Nov. 20.—All the cars on the roads controlled by the Atlantic Avenue Railroad company are running as usual, the strike having proved a failure. The places of the strikers have been filled with new men.

An Important Decision.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 20.—Judge Fisher, of the circuit court here, has rendered a decision of considerable interest to employees of corporations doing business in Missouri and Illinois. John H. Roberts and others pursued claims against several employees of the Walsh Western railway, and began a suit in Illinois courts, although the parties against whom the claims were held resided in Missouri. The law of Missouri exempts a married man's wages from execution. A judgment was obtained against one, Jack Sparrow, in a justice's court in Chicago and Sparrow's wages were garnished in St. Louis. The railway company applied for an injunction restraining the garnishment and Judge Fisher granted the same.

Big Fire at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 20.—At 2 o'clock in the morning the three-story brick building at Twenty-first and June streets occupied by Charles Claus, as a meat storage house, was entirely destroyed. It contained nearly 100,000 pounds of fresh and salt meat being destroyed. The large tables, ovens, ovens, by Koeing & Co., and other equipment were also damaged. In the attempt to liberate sixty head of horses from the burning stable a stampede occurred during which a number of persons were knocked down and severely injured by the horses. The Erie officials say the road will be open soon.

Railroads in Bad Shape.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Nov. 20.—The light of the flood was not reached until 6:30 Wednesday morning. Then the river had overflowed its banks below the city and inundated acres of land were covered. In the lower part of the Third, Fourth and Fifth wards, the houses were surrounded by water and people sought refuge in the upper stories. The water backed into the business portion of the city and did much damage by filling cellars. The new sewers are seriously damaged. The Erie ran no through trains Tuesday, and local trains had to be abandoned Tuesday night. Large crowds of laborers are at work on the land slides west of here, and the Erie officials say the road will be open soon.

The Meeting to Be Secret.

DELEGATE HENDERSON AT ONCE MOVED TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

ANOKA, Minn., Nov. 20.—Maria E. Neil has turned over all her property to secure the creditors of the First National bank for the sum of over \$40,000 for the notes she signed for P. F. Pratt. The property consists of a forty-acre tract in Minneapolis and another tract of the same size in St. Paul, the two being worth probably \$200,000. Of this large sum of money which is called upon to pay she has never received a dollar, all going to Pratt, the absconding cashier of the bank, in whom Mrs. Neil had the utmost confidence.

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THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO HAVE INSPIRED CONFIDENCE.

WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 20.—Dr. Valente, the Brazilian minister, the day night received the following telegram by way of London:

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## THE PAN-AMERICANS.

### Proceedings of the First Business Meeting.

#### SECRETARY BLAINE IN THE CHAIR.

#### Delegates Unable to Discuss the Report of the Committee on Rules—The Brazilian Minister Takes the Resolution in His Country—A Radical Decision—Notes from the Capital City.

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### GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

"A Tin Soldier" to night. J. M. Ehrman went to St. Louis yesterday. W. H. Linn left yesterday afternoon for St. Louis. Dr. W. J. Chenoweth was at Stonington last night. John Cornell, of Monticello, was in the city yesterday. W. H. Gasaway left yesterday for Detroit, Michigan. Pat O'Connor, of Kansas City, is visiting friends in Decatur. Mrs. John Freeman returned to Moweaqua yesterday morning. T. P. Howell returned yesterday from a western business trip.

Storm doors have been put on the west side of the high school.

Miss Belle Burrows has returned from her visit to Columbus, O.

Another masquerade ball will be given at the Guard's armory soon.

W. A. Thomas, of Lincoln, was in Decatur yesterday on business.

Mrs. G. Z. Scott is seriously ill at her home, 517 Central Avenue.

City Marshal E. P. Fisher, of Monticello, was in Decatur yesterday.

Attorney J. A. Buckingham was at Vandalia yesterday on business.

J. R. Mills went to Mt. Zion yesterday to take over his farm and stock.

Frank Marden, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., is the guest of his cousin, K. Harwood.

State Attorney Heeks, of Monticello, was a visitor yesterday to Decatur.

Miss Myrtle Giffett, of Chicago, is visiting Mrs. Lila Pettit for a few days.

County Superintendent T. L. Evans was at Prairie Home yesterday on business.

M. Lachinger and wife and W. T. Roberts went to Springfield yesterday afternoon.

Miss Jessie Hardy, of Shelbyville, who has been visiting Mrs. C. L. Harvey, has returned home.

George Miller and John Shraga, residents of Blue Mound, were visitors yesterday to Decatur.

Mrs. Robert Green and son, went to Mt. Zion yesterday morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lea.

Dr. J. C. Hall, of Oregon, went over to Springfield yesterday to attend the grand lodge of Odd Fellows.

Mrs. A. V. Kelley, of Terre Haute, Ind., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Luris, at the St. Nicholas hotel.

Orrville Ewing received his stock of bicycles and machines yesterday. He has a room in the library building.

The Young People's Christian Endeavor of the Universal church, met last night and transacted official business.

C. H. Sheen, the artist, left last night for Chicago, after a visit of several months with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wehrly at 517 West J. M. D. street.

Mr. George C. Baily, who is here visiting his daughter, Miss Anna L. Beury, of the Decatur Musical College, left last night for his home in Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Mollee Mann, of Columbus City, Ind., who has been visiting with relatives in St. Louis, is in the city, the guest of her brother, Justice P. B. Prokes, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Houssum departed yesterday for Havana, Cuba. They will travel among the West Indies during the cold weather for the benefit of Mr. Houssum's health.

General Superintendent H. L. Magee, Division Superintendent J. S. Goodrich and Rondinaud E. M. Motterwitz were at the South Sangamon bridge yesterday to inspect it and the work that has been done there.

Old Tobe Patterson, station buggeman at Springfield for a great many years, came to Decatur yesterday on E. Harwood's run. Mr. Harwood was sick. He is an old-timer also, having been on the Wabash for over 20 years.

**Deaths.**

Mrs. Jane A. Haskell, wife of Zenas Haskell, died of consumption at her residence, No. 967 North Clinton street, at 9 p.m. in Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1889, aged 59 years. She leaves a husband and an adopted daughter.

The deceased was born in New York in 1830, and has lived in Illinois 18 years.

The funeral will be held to-day at 2 p.m. from the residence, corner of Orchard and Clinton streets.

Elsie May Gates, the two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gates, at 247 East Main street, died at 6:20 p.m. Tuesday, November 20, after an illness of 6 days with a stomach trouble. The funeral will be held from the residence at 1 o'clock to-day.

Heinrich Boguski, a baby one year old, died yesterday after an illness of two days with diphtheria. The funeral will be held at 2 to-day, from the residence of the parents.

**Butler Dated.**

In the matter of the question as to who owned the Kessler stores, Judge Nelson gave his opinion yesterday that Butler was not a partner, and must turn over the business to Administrator Albert Barnes. Butler had a good case in support of his claim to being a partner in the business until the administrator produced three letters written by himself since Sept. 9, and all signed L. F. Butler, manager for G. F. Kessler. In one he said he had been acting as Kessler's manager since March, but had not drawn his salary. That upset his case.

**Got a Sill Dress.**

A sneak thief got a valuable bundle out of Lunn & Scruggs' delivery wagon yesterday morning. The driver left it standing on North Calhoun street while he walked about half a block to deliver a package. When he returned, he noticed one of his bundles was gone. It was worth about \$40, and contained among other things a silk dress. The police are working on the case.

**Great Corn.**

Henry Laughlin, living about two miles from the city, raised 20 acres of corn that averaged 77 bushels to the acre. It was all good corn, too. He wants to know who has any better.

P. Williams, of Friend's Creek town-ship brought to The Review office a stalk of pop corn on which there were seven full and good ears.

Presented it to the A. M. C. A.

Yesterday afternoon a fine No. 6 Haines piano was placed in the Y. M. C. A. rooms by Reuben Betzer, of this city. The association has greatly felt the need of a piano for some time, and this generous act of Mr. Betzer is most highly appreciated.

**Party.**

Grant Gharrett, in East Park Boulevards, gave a party to his friends last night that was quite largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

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### A STATE ALLIANCE.

### FARMERS OF ILLINOIS IN SESSION AT DECATUR

The State Alliance of Illinois Organized and Officers Elected—The Principals—Resolutions in Favor of Reducing Taxes on Necessaries Chicago for the World's Fair, and the Australian System of Bating.

A single glance at the body of men assembled yesterday in the city council room was sufficient to show that it was distinctly a farmer's meeting. About 30 delegates from the different alliances in the state were present. The United Farmers, Greenbush, and All-Wool Heavy, were the largest.

One of the most important one is as follows:

That in the needed reduction of national taxes the burden should be taken from the necessities of life in common use, and the absurd proposition made by certain leading public men and various political statesmen to take this tax from spirits and tobacco in preference to removing it from the necessities, demands our earnest protest. We cannot readily believe that congress will offer the people cheap whisky and tobacco in preference to cheap sugar, lumber, salt, coal and clothing.

One is to the effect that the working classes of the country form the great conservative and conserving element whose power must stand between the nation and the dangers which threaten its future well-being and come from the unrestrained greed of the individual monopolist, who defies law and tramples upon the principles of justice in his method of acquiring the wealth that others create, and the less intelligent, less successful, but more demonstrative rabble who practice violence.

Others declare against a system of finance that perpetuates the public debt, and in favor of paying the same as rapidly as possible, in favor of the franchise of suffrage with gold and the issuance of paper money to the people that the present system of taxation is unequal, unjust and wrong, in favor of greatly reducing railroad freight rates and fares by legislative action, and the acquisition of railroads and telegraphs by the government, in favor of such legislation as will prevent the liquor traffic, from deceiving taxes and endangering morals, demanding more practical industrial public school methods, endorsing the hogback law and demanding further laws against adulterating food, sympathizing with all working classes in favor of electing United States senators directly from the people.

Several resolutions were prepared by the delegates and introduced. One of them was as follows:

WINNERS. There is a growing belief that the farmer and other producers of the country do not obtain an equitable share of the wealth that they create, and that the large and highly developed country are very largely underprivileged, and that

WHEREAS, Existing knowledge on this subject is of great importance in the study of the social and economic questions of the day, therefore,

RESOLVED, That it is our judgment that the next United States census should show what percentage of the people in this country occupy their own farms and homes, and what proportion are tenants, and of those who occupy their own farms and homes what proportion have their homes free from debt, and of the farms and homes under mortgage, what proportion of the value of the property so as mortgaged, and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to transact a copy of those resolutions to Hon. John F. Smith and T. R. Collier.

White—J. H. Wellbelove, E. K. Pease, Alex. Crumrine, G. R. Thompson, John Foohey, J. B. Elgin, F. Odensett, W. B. Self, B. Brossman, A. J. Ward, J. Conington, A. L. Litts, W. N. Bowers, S. A. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Nichols, W. A. Phelps and William Johnson.

Tulton—W. F. Randolph and H. A. Kiser.

Moultrie—John McKown and Patrick Griffin.

Lee—C. A. Wetherbee and Herman Fisher.

DeWitt—Calvin Talbot.

The order is stronger in Champaign county than anywhere else in the state. There are several lodges in Moultrie county, however.

**Officers.**

The following state officers were elected:

President—A. E. Bronson, LaSalle.

Vice-President—W. N. Bowers, Champaign.

Secretary—S. A. Kirkpatrick, Champaign.

Treasurer—J. McKenna, Moultrie.

The four officers constitute the executive committee.

A. J. Streeter, of New Windsor, Ill., was elected to the grand committee of the state alliance.

RESOLVED, That the secretary be instructed to work for the federation of all farmers' organizations, in favor of uniformity in textbooks in schools, and endorsing the Champaign binder-twine factory.

**Other Resolutions.**

Peoria was selected as the place of meeting for a year hence.

R. G. Thompson, of Champaign, exhibited a ball of binder twine and stated it was the best and cheapest twine to be had. The manufacturers had nothing to do with any trust or syndicate. Thereupon a resolution endorsing that twine was adopted. The twine excited great interest. The delegates crowded around Mr. Thompson and a general discussion without regard to the personal differences of any one arose.

A. J. Streeter made an address at the evening session. He spoke principally of silver coinage, favoring a more free coinage of that metal and the more direct issuance of greenbacks to the people.

The final adjournment was taken about 9 o'clock. The delegates got to work early, the session being called before 7.

**Got a Pump.**

Walter Hutchins cut the pumpkin yesterday that has been on exhibition at his store.

A prize of a fine pair of shoes was offered to the first one making the greatest guess to the number of seeds in it. There were over 1,500 guesses. Miss Maggie Ulery was the winner guessing 540. There were 404 seeds. Others guessed 403, but she was the first.

**ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION.**

The committee on constitution, objects and resolutions made their report, which was adopted. The constitution was practically the same as that prepared by the national alliance.

The objects of the National Alliance are to promote the general interests of its members and to secure the adoption of the objects of the National Alliance.

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**RESOLUTIONS.**

The resolutions prepared by the National Alliance were adopted. They are quite lengthy and begin with a preamble that the farmers are most in number of any order of

### DECATUR GETS IT.

The Handsome Silk Banner Offered for Best Drilled Canton.

When Decatur gets for anything it nearly always gets it. This is especially true about Decatur Old Fifties. Their latest success in that way was achieved yesterday when they went over to Springfield and got an elegant silk banner, with a monetary value of about \$10, to say nothing of its value as a trophy.

The contest was held yesterday afternoon on the grounds in front of the state house to come after the street parade, in which the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., with 800 representatives, nine lodges, Patriarchs, Mutual, and several subordinate lodges took part. There were about 2,000 men in line.

The contest was divided into two classes, A and B. The two Chicago lodges, Steel and Oriental, came with the first class. They have been organized several years and have a large membership. Excelsior lodges won the first prize in class A.

It was a pure of \$75.

In class B there were several entries, but when it became known that Decatur was entered, the others withdrew. Decatur won the first prize at a contest at Monticello, it will be remembered. Decatur long ago got its drill